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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole  
inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an  
original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are  
listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed  
and for which a patent is sought on the invention  
entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REDUCING MITRAL  
REGURGITATION", the specification of which is attached  
hereto and is identified by Attorney's Docket No.

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand  
the contents of the above-identified specification,  
including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information  
which is material to the examination of this  
20 application in accordance with Title 37, Code of  
Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e), of United States pending prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/266,766, filed 02/05/01 by William E. Cohn et al. for TRANSVASCULAR APPROACH TO MITRAL VALVE PROCEDURES, which application is incorporated by reference herein.

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